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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 7, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. As the present Response is being filed within two (2) months of the mailing of the Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide an Advisory Action, should the complete set of Claims not be allowed. A complete marked-up set of the Claims follows, indicating the status of each Claim begins on page 2. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. The Remarks are on page 4, and the Conclusion is on page 5.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).